

PTO/SB/08a/b (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2008. OMB 0551-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO		Complete if Known	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i>		Application Number	10/528,154
		Filing Date	March 17, 2005
		First Named Inventor	Hiroyuki Sakamoto
		Art Unit	N/A
		Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
		Attorney Docket Number	21581-00337-US1
Sheet	1	of	1

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number Number-Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	AA	US 6,876,842	10-14-1997	KABUKURA	

*Cited by
Examiner

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ -Number-Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁴
/DM/	BA	JP-3112190 A	05-13-1991	MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC WORKS LTD		✓
	BB	EP-0 854 207 A1	07-22-1998	NIPPON PAINT CO., LTD.		
	BC	EP-0 974 624 A2	01-28-2000	NIPPON PAINT CO., LTD.		
	BD	JP-Sho-49-102728	09-27-1974	MATSUSHITA		✓
	BE	JP-9157621 A	06-17-1997	JAPAN ENERGY CORP		✓
/DM/	BF	EP-0 458 286 A2	11-27-1991	NIPPON PAINT CO., LTD.		

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 809. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 801.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 809. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Examiner Signature	/Daniel McNally/	Date Considered	12/06/2007
--------------------	------------------	-----------------	------------